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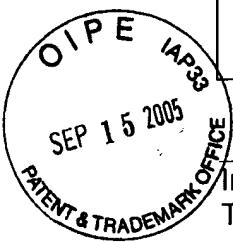
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Takashi Ishitani

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Art Unit: 2141

For: Electronic Mail Transmission / Reception
System and Devices Therefor

Examiner: K. D. Shingles

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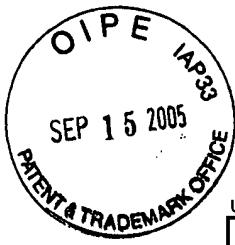
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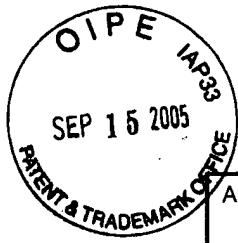
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